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- 1. (Unclassified MG) LIAISON Received a call from Ruth Ann Ovenshire, Library of Congress, who called on behalf of Representative John LaFalce (D., N.Y.). The Congressman will be traveling to the People's Republic of China shortly after Christmas and would like information on the climate of various cities. After checking with NFAC/CSS, I informed Ms. Ovenshire that we do have such information and it was agreed that we would forward the material directly to the Congressman.
- 2. (Unclassified MG) EMPLOYMENT REQUEST Received a call from Bill Prendergast, Administrative Assistant to Representative Ralph S. Regula (R., Ohio), who requested a professional employment package for a constituent. OLC Registry will handle.

3. (Unclassified - MG) EMPLOYMENT REQUEST Received a call from someone in the office of Representative Richardson Preyer (D., N. Car.). who requested that a professional employment package be sent to Car. OLC Registry will handle.	
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5. (Unclassified - MG) LIAISON Received a call from Alan Bennett, GAO, who requested a copy of "The Role of the LDCs in the U.S. Balance of Payments." I told him I would forward a copy.

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(Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Arthur House, in the office of Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D., Conn.), recently accompanied the Senator to the Soviet Union. He met with several Agency representatives to provide his impression and insight on the trip.

(Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Talked to John Hogan, House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Family Farms Rural Development and Special Studies, in response to a 14 November letter from Representative Charles Grassley (R., Iowa), Minority Member of the Subcommittee. In his letter, Representative Grassley sought an explanation for the CIA's error in estimating last year's Soviet grain crop and requested information on how we intend to improve this year's crop estimating. I passed on the information that I received from CSS/NFAC, summarizing the answers to both questions to Mr. Hogan. He appreciated our response and requested that we send a letter to the Subcommittee.

(Secret - DFM) LIAISON Accompanied Dan Childs and hoth of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

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staff, to a meeting with	
all of DDO, regarding the Committee's request for an Agency	
study on HUMINT. Childs indicated that although some very	
good material was included in the Agency's 2 November submission	
he felt the Committee still needs an overall evaluation of the	•
value of HUMINT. He suggested that this might be done by	
evaluating our performance against each of the FY-1978 DDO	
objectives plus by giving the Committee an indication of	
unique contributions of HUMINT. explained the functions	
and work of his EPDS/DDO staff and both Ford and Childs reviewed	
a copy of the FY-78 Foreign Intelligence Reporting Evaluation	
for the period 1 April to 30 September 1978. indicated	
the staff members were welcome to read this and both Childs	
and Ford indicated their belief that this would satisfy the	
Committee's needs. Childs asked if highly sensitive and special	
channels reporting was included in this publication.	
indicated it was handled separately and asked the staff to look	
at this publication first and then we would discuss what	
might be done regarding the most sensitive reports.	

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